

The 2014 VOICE AWARDS

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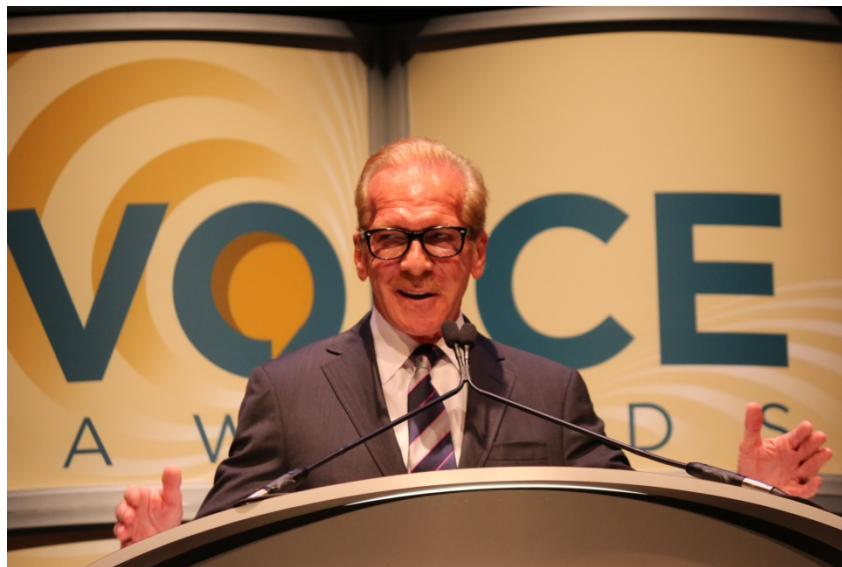
Several hundred advocates, consumers and celebrities gathered on August 13, 2014, at Royce Hall on the U.C.L.A. campus to recognize television and film writers, producers and directors who portray persons with mental health and substance use issues in a dignified, respectful and accurate way, and to honor consumers and peer leaders in recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders who play a vital role in raising awareness and understanding of behavioral health problems.



Sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the awards focused on youth and the importance of prevention, treatment and recovery in young adulthood.



Award categories included: lifetime achievement; consumer/peer leadership; young adult leadership; film, television and documentary; SAMHSA Special Recognition; and career achievement.



Tony Shalhoub and Ray Romano were among the celebrity line-up presenting awards.



To view a full list of the winners and watch a webcast of the event, go to <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1408135646.aspx>